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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: NOTE PROTESTING TREATMENT OF US CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA

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1. I AGREE WITH SUBSTANCE OF NOTE TRANSMITTED IN REF A. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FOR REASONS GIVEN BELOW IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PRESENT NOTE IN WASHINGTON.
2. MOST IMPORTANTLY, AS I SUGGESTED IN REF B, THERE IS ALREADY A TENDENCY IN THE GOA--WHICH HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY GUZZETTI'S REPORT ON HIS TRIP TO U. S.--TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO REAL PROBLEM WITH USG ITSELF OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. AT THIS POINT, NOTE PRESENTED BY EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY BE TREATED SIMPLY AS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF WHAT THEY PROBABLY SEE AS EMBASSY'S OWN "ESAGGERATED CONCERN" OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. PRESENTATION OF NOTE IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE FAR MORE CONVINCING, HAVE MORE PUNCH AND COULD HELP TO CORRECT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW GUZZETTI BROUGHT BACK FROM HIS TRIP. (THIS WAS DOUBTLESS A CASE OF GUZZETTI SEEING ONLY WHAT HE WANTED TO SEE, BUT RESULTS, NEVERTHELESS, ARE THE SAME.)
3. FURTHER, PRESENTATION OF NOTE HERE COULD UNDERCUT OUR FUTURE ABILITY TO GET OUR CITIZENS RELEASED. PRESIDENT VIDELA GAVE ME HIS WORD THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

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TO RESOLVE ERB AND LOKEN CASES TO OUR SATISFACTION--I.E., THAT

HE WOULD HAVE THEM EXPELLED. HE KEPT HIS WORD. THIS IN NO
WAY EXCUSES OR CANCELS OUT TREATMENT ACCORDED GWENDA MAE LOKEN
OR FACT THAT CONSULAR ACCESS WAS DENIED IN WEEKS CASE. THESE
ARE SERIOUS MATTERS WHICH INDEED WE SHOULD NOT SIMPLY DROP.
IT DOES ARGUE, HOWEVER, AGAINST PRESENTATION HERE. SHOULD I
PRESENT SUCH A NOTE NOW, AFTER VIDELA DEPT HIS WORD TO ME, HE
WOULD PROBABLY SEE IT AS A VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH
THAT WORD WAS GIVEN. IT WOULD UNDERMINE MY POSITION WITH HIM--
WHICH IS AN ASSET WORTH PRESERVING--AND WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE
HIM FAR LESS READY TO COOPERATE WITH ME IN FUTURE CASES.
PRESENTATION OF NOTE IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, WOULD LEAVE MY
POSITION WITH PRESIDENT INTACT. WE HAVE HAD SUCCESS SO FAR
IN GETTING OUR CITIZENS OUT OF JAIL (AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY).
I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
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